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Dear Mrs. Kipp:

In its reply of July 7, 1961 to your letter of June 27, 1961, the Department informed you that information concerning the cause of the Sabena Belgian World Airlines accident on February 15, 1961 would be the subject of a separate communication.

I hope that the following information will help answer the questions you presented in your letter:

The investigation of this accident is under the complete jurisdiction of the Belgian Government. Although the United States Government offered to assist the Belgian authorities in their investigation shortly after the fatal accident, our offer was not accepted. In recent weeks, however, the Belgian Investigation Commission has consulted the United States Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Aviation Agency on some technical aspects of the accident investigation.

Information available to the Department does not indicate that a probable cause of the accident has been determined and no official statement concerning the probable cause has come to the attention of the Department.

Sincerely yours,

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